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FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF NEW CHIEF/MAAG, REPUBLIC OF CHINA

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT DOD PROPOSES TO ASSIGN BRIGADIER GENERAL LESLIE R. FORNEY, JR., USA, TO TAIPEI AS CHIEF/MAAG, REPLACING MAJOR GENERAL SLADE NASH, USAF.
 2. BASED UPON WHAT WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT HIM, GENERAL FORNEY WOULD APPEAR TO BE ACCEPTABLE REPLACEMENT FOR NASH, ALTHOUGH FINAL JUDGMENT CAN ONLY BE MADE AFTER AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE.
 3. ASSUMING, HOWEVER, THAT FORNEY'S ASSIGNMENT IS EVENTUALLY AGREED UPON, EMBASSY FEELS IT IMPORTANT THAT HE ARRIVE TAIPEI ABOUT A WEEK PRIOR TO NASH'S DEPARTURE WHICH NOW SCHEDULED FOR END OF MAY. OVERLAP WOULD BE WELCOMED BY NASH AS WELL AS BY GROG AND WOULD PROVIDE VERY HELPFUL ORIENTATION FOR FORNEY, THUS EASING THE CHANGE-OF-COMMAND TRANSITION PAINS IN THIS SENSITIVE PERIOD OF U.S.-ROC RELATIONS.
 4. SECSTATE 091118 JUST RECEIVED AND RESPONSE WILL BE PROVIDED PROMPTLY; CONTAINS NOTHING TO SUGGEST CHANGE IN ASSESSMENT PARA 2 ABOVE.
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